

PROJECT QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST
HB 495

Date May 12, 2003 Person Reviewing

Project Location: Travelers' Rest State Park is located at 6550 Mormon Creek Road, ¼ west of Highway 93 in Lolo., Missoula County, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Section 34. The Park is currently accessed via Mormon Creek Road.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Implement Conceptual Master Plan and Management Direction: Construct asphalt road and parking area, comfort stations, gravel trail, dirt paths, picnic areas, visitor orientation pavilions, presentation areas, education and interpretive areas.

The following checklist is intended to be a guide for determining whether a proposed development or improvement is of enough significance to fall under HB 495 rules. (Please check / all that apply and comment as necessary). Capital Construction projects - Prepared by D & C; Force Account Projects - Prepared by Region.

☒ A. New roadway or trail built over undisturbed land?

Comments: The access road would be an easement granted by William and Ramona Holt that would connect Highway 12 to the park boundary. Access from Highway 12 is needed to provide visitor orientation and infrastructure for the site.

☒ B. New building construction (buildings < 100 sf and vault latrines exempt)?

Comments: 2 comfort stations (approximately 560 sf) will be constructed, as well as covered wooden pavilions for use as interpretive areas and visitor orientation. Some of the pavilions will be open-air, while some may be walled. Size will vary from 24 to 36 feet in diameter.

☒ C. Any excavation of 20 c.y. or greater?

Comments: Excavation amounts are unknown at this time. Excavation will be for access road and parking areas, comfort stations, septic systems, gravel pathway on the north side of Lolo Creek, and interpretive pavilions.

☒ D. New parking lots built over undisturbed land or expansion of existing lot that increases parking capacity by 25% or more?

Comments: A new asphalt parking lot will be constructed. Preliminary plans call for parking for approximately 75 cars, buses, and RV's. Depending on use after the bicentennial, a portion of the parking area may be reclaimed.

☐ E. Any new shoreline alteration that exceeds a double wide boat ramp or handicapped fishing station?

Comments: None

☐ F. Any new construction into lakes, reservoirs, or streams?

Comments: None

☒ G. Any new construction in an area with National Registry quality cultural artifacts (as determined by State Historical Preservation Office)?

Comments: Construction of trails on the historic campsite will be done in a manner to protect cultural resources. FWP and TRPHA will consult with SHPO, tribal entities, and independent archaeologists to determine the best methodology to protect these important cultural resources.

☐ H. Any new above ground utility lines?

Comments: None

☐ I. Any increase or decrease in campsites of 25% or more of an existing number of campsites?

Comments: None

☒ J. Proposed project significantly changes the existing features or use pattern; including effects of a series of individual projects.

Comments: Travelers' Rest State Park is a significant stop along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Significant visitation can be expected during the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and perhaps beyond.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE CHECKED, HB 495 RULES APPLY TO THIS PROPOSED WORK AND SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED ON THE MEPA/HB495 CHECKLIST. Refer to MEPA/HB495 Cross Reference Summary for further assistance.

cc: Park Managers, Region
Project File